

## LOCAL NEWS.

**THE WATERMELON WAR.**—The old fish wharf in days gone by, had, in the spring time, an ill-fame and in more ways than one was "in bad odor." But at midsummer it invariably regained the respect of the community because of its luscious melons and cantelopes, and many a staid personage who would have been loath to loiter in its precincts in April became a constant visitor in August. Many a pungy load of ripe fruit was from here distributed over town, or transferred to wagons to carry from the water side the water melons to mouths that "watered for them." But so it is. Babylon the great has fallen! The "Cottage" site is piled over with hay and the Maiden Lane will ring no more with the songs of the "Maidens." Nevertheless all the City Ordinances which give to this wharf the monopoly of receiving all fish and watermelons remain in force.

This year, Mr. R. C. Armstrong rented from the city Real Estate Committee the right of the wharf for the melon season. Under the city laws no persons except marketers are allowed to land melons elsewhere. As, however, last year the landing of melons at the fish wharf somewhat interfered with the operations of the U. S. military authorities who held it, a policy prevailed of allowing the melons to be landed at the foot of Prince street, and this year although Mr. Armstrong gave notice that melons must be landed at the fish wharf alone, some dealers seemed disposed to a larger liberty and landed their cargoes elsewhere. It was said that the whole fish wharf not being in possession of the city authorities, the "watermelon law" had become inoperative. His Honor, the Mayor, however, took a different view of the question, and on yesterday fined some parties for landing melons elsewhere than the fish wharf. But his decision has not met universal acquiescence; there is talk of an appeal, and "the watermelon war" has commenced! We give the chorus of the "Battle Hymn,"

"Any wharf we please we continue to sell on,  
And eat till we die of the watermelon."

This morning, before Justice Beach, Joseph Moore, complainant in favor of Commonwealth against John Moore, for breach of peace; held to security in the sum of \$200 for good behavior. Hamburger against Mary Elizabeth Ashen (colored), for stealing shoes and concealing the same under her hoop skirt, committed for indictment before Court, but judgment staid upon payment of costs.

The entire covering including bricks, slab and pump, of the well on the corner Prince and Pitt streets fell in yesterday evening. The Superintendent of Police had the opening immediately covered.

According to the Cumberland Alleganian the shipments of coal for July were the largest ever made in a month since the first opening of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. During the month 552 boats cleared at Cumberland for Georgetown, carrying 59,624 tons of coal. For the season, to the end of July, 1387 boats have been manifested, carrying 150,787 tons of coal.

By order of the Secretary of War, the Military District of Washington, Major General O. B. Wilcox, commanding, has been discontinued.

Edward C. Carrington has been re appointed U. S. District Attorney, for the District of Columbia.

President Johnson's health has improved, and yesterday he received members of the Cabinet, on business.

Over one thousand applications for pardon have been sent in to the President, bearing recommendations from Gov. Peirpoint.

The Sun Fire Company are to have another excursion to Glymont next week. It will no doubt be a pleasant affair.

Ford's Theatre in Washington, is now being fitted up, for government purposes.

Another hot and sultry day. Thermometer, in the shade, at noon, at 87.

The Carriers of the Gazette, will tomorrow, make their collections in the western or upper part of the city, and we hope our subscribers, in that section of the city, will promptly pay their dues. Some of them have not been called upon for more than a month. Our business is exclusively a cash one—and we, therefore, cannot keep standing accounts.

## POSTSCRIPT!

## DISTURBANCE AT AQUIA CREEK.

On Tuesday evening last a disturbance took place at Aquia Creek, between some white people, and blacks, employed as laborers by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R. Company. It was reported that the negroes intended to make a grand assault upon the whites; and upon a signal being heard, for the assembling of the blacks, the whites made their escape, some taking to the woods and others to the water. Information was then conveyed to the commander of a force of U. S. troops stationed at Stafford Court House, of the state of affairs, and he immediately sent the troops to the scene of the disturbance. They arrived at the Creek next morning, and the negroes resisting any attempt to arrest those charged with the disturbance, a conflict ensued in which one negro was killed, four or five wounded, a number were seized, and others made their escape. The whole affair commenced in a quarrel between one of the white laborers and a negro, when the other negroes took the part of their comrade.

## The Meeting in Behalf of Jeff. Davis.

NEW YORK, August 4.—The Tribune of this morning says:

"We have the testimony of a gentleman who was present at the meeting in behalf of Jeff. Davis in this city, and that much of the language used on that occasion was treasonable in its drift and spirit."

We are informed by the intelligent and efficient Superintendent of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, Mr. Bragg, who has occupied his present position uninterruptedly since 1846, that the track of his road is in excellent condition from the bridge, just beyond the limits of Fredericksburg, to Richmond City, and that the bridges on the remaining portion of the road, with the exception of two, are completed. Mr. Bragg has a train of cars here now, awaiting the arrival of barges to transport it to Aquia Creek, and by the first of next week, the length of time occupied in staging between Washington and Richmond will not exceed one hour's duration. In a week or so the trains will run through from Aquia Creek to Richmond.

A remarkable circumstance, exhibiting the business qualifications of the Superintendent of this road, is that through a period of four years, during which its utmost capacities have been on the stretch, and with only such facilities for repair as a blockaded country afforded, its track, iron, cars, and locomotives are still in superior condition.

**NOTICE.**—All persons having claims against the estate of the late JOHN T. JOHNSON, are requested to present them immediately, and those indebted to the estate are requested to make payment to

CAROLINE M. JOHNSON,  
Adm. of Jno. T. Johnson, decd.

## Boots &amp; Shoes.

THE war being over, the subscriber would address himself to the pleasing task of furnishing his friends of the city and country, with goods in his line of business, and would call their attention to the following leading articles, viz:

Gent's Calf and Kipp Boots.  
Gent's Calf, Kipp and Buff Boots and Shoes.  
Boys Boots and Shoes, in their varieties.  
Ladies Gaiters.

"Morocco Boots.  
"Calf "  
"Seal "

Misses Morocco, Seal and Calf Boots.  
Children's Shoes, of all kinds used.  
And in short every article usually found in a well assorted shoe establishment, all of which are offered at fair living prices for CASH.

HENRY L. SIMPSON, Agent.  
iy 19—tf No. 8 Royal Street.

**E. LYLES,**  
**BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,**  
No. 11, South Alfred St.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The best quality of SEWED and PEGGED BOOTS made to order. Repairing neatly executed. je 28—tf

**D. M. FURLONG,**  
**BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,**  
No. 14, South Fairfax St.

NOTICE TO SHOEMAKERS.—I am prepared to furnish BOOT LEGS of the finest quality; Home Made at \$4; French \$4.50.  
jy 12—1m

**J. ROSENTHAL,**  
Manufacturer and Dealer in  
**Boots and Shoes,**  
Leather, Findings, Uppers, &c.  
No. 98, King Street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
my 12—3m

## Educational.

**FULFORD FEMALE SEMINARY,**  
Sandy Spring P. O., Montgomery co., Md.  
The undersigned desires to inform the public that he intends to open a BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, at the above named place, on the 2d of October next.  
For farther particulars, apply to the undersigned, either in person or by letter.

JAS. S. HALLOWELL,  
Post Office Department,  
Washington, D. C.

**BOY'S SCHOOL.**—The undersigned having, as is well known, a large experience in school teaching, designs opening a first-class MALE DAY SCHOOL, in Alexandria, on the 11th of September.  
aug 2—tdt THORNTON TRIPLETT.

**MISS MARTHA A. KELL,** will resume the duties of her School on Monday, 4th day of September, 1865. aug 2—td

**BELMONT FEMALE BOARDING SCHOOL.**—The subscriber will open on the 2d Monday, in September, a BOARDING SCHOOL for Young Ladies, at Belmont, Loudoun county, Va. An assistant of 12 or 14 years' experience has been engaged. The course of instruction will be thorough. The situation is pleasant, healthy, and easy of access, being 5 miles from Leesburg, and 28 from Washington city. Persons leave Baltimore in the morning and reach Belmont in the afternoon, by way of Point of Rocks and Leesburg.  
Terms:—For board, washing and tuition, \$200 per scholastic year—payable half yearly in advance.

Extra Branches.  
French and Latin per year, \$20.00  
Music " " 40.00  
Use of Piano " " 2.00  
Painting " " 5.00

Persons wishing to send pupils please apply at once. For fuller particulars address

MISS EUGENIA KEPHART,  
aug 1—1m\* Belmont, Loudoun co., Va.

**NEW MALE SCHOOL.**—The undersigned, formerly Associate Principal of the Alexandria Eclectic Academy, will open a school at Lyceum Hall, in this city, on Monday, September 4th, 1865, for the education of boys.

Circulars can be had at Entwisle's Book Store, or at the store of Robert L. Wood, King street. WM. E. BAKER.  
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**WENTWORTH FEMALE SEMINARY,**  
Prince street, opposite the Post Office.  
The duties of this institution will be resumed on the 11th of September. Circulars may be obtained from the principal.  
jy 31—tf ALBERT E. BASSFORD.

**FEMALE SEMINARY,**  
K. KEMPER, Principal.

The undersigned, who has had large experience in Teaching, takes pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Alexandria his purpose of opening on the 11th of September, a First Class Female School. Terms and other particulars in a future advertisement.

K. KEMPER,  
at Mrs. Jordan's  
corner Prince and Washington streets.  
jy 21—tf

**SELECT SCHOOL**  
FOR  
BOYS AND GIRLS.

The undersigned who has been engaged as a teacher in Moravian Schools at Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa., for ten years, purposes starting in this city, a SELECT SCHOOL, for BOYS AND GIRLS, on Monday September, 4th, 1865. By calling at Leadbeater & Co's Drug Store, No. 7 South Fairfax street, circulars and further information can be obtained, until the undersigned removes to the city.  
jy 15—dsept\* C. EDWARD KUMMER.

**BELLE HAVEN INSTITUTE,**  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Miss E. B. Garber as Principal.

Announces that this Institution will be reopened for the reception of Pupils the 28th day of next September. It is proposed to offer every advantage. Full particulars, as to terms, references, &c., will be given in a future advertisement. jy 18—tf

**MISS FANNIE V. GWIN** will open school on Monday, 18th September, 1865. All English Branches taught. Particular attention will be paid to Music and the Languages. Desired information given at 49, south Fairfax street. Reference, C. C. Bittling. jy 25—td

**MISS HELEN M. NEVETT,** having returned to Alexandria, will give lessons in MUSIC, to a limited number of pupils. For terms, apply at 179, west Gibbon street, near Alfred, or to Miss Mary Entwisle, No. 162, King st. jy 25—1m

**"EXCELSIOR."**

**"EXCELSIOR"**  
E. Frank Coe's  
**SUPER PHOSPHATE,**  
AND  
**SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME,**  
For Sale by  
T. A. BREWIS.

jy 18—tf  
**BREWIS & DAVIS.**

**VICTOR BECKER,**  
**PIANO TUNER & REGULATOR,**

Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodens, Accordions, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King street.

V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—tf

**75,000 FEET WHITE PINE and YELLOW BOARDS and FLOORING,**  
just received and for sale by  
aug 2—tf SMOOT & PERRY.

## Auction Sales.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, 1865, at twelve o'clock M., in front of the Mayor's Office, at the Market Building, the following described property, to wit, viz:

1 The THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, (double) and LOT, No. 35 N. Fairfax street, between Cameron and Queen streets, the house fronting on Fairfax street, about 52 feet, and in depth about 39 feet.—The lot fronting on Fairfax street, about 81 feet and in depth about 90 feet.

2 The THREE STORY BRICK and SLATED BUILDING and LOT, with the adjacent outbuildings, on the east side of Water street, No. 35 the house fronting on Water street, about 50 feet, and in depth about 66 feet, the lot fronts on Water street, about 110 feet and in depth about 133 feet.

3 The THREE STORY BRICK and SLATED BUILDING and LOT on the west side of Union street, between Princess and Oronoco streets, the house fronting on Union street about 30 feet, and in depth about 45 feet.—The lot fronts on Union street, about 52 feet, and in depth about 150 feet.

4 A LOT OF GROUND on Thompson's alley in the rear of No. 1, having a front on the said alley of twenty-two feet and in depth eighty eight feet.

Any person wishing to examine the premises can do so by calling on the undersigned.

5 ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN (114) SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.

6 TEN (10) SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE POTOMAC INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.

7 FIFTEEN (15) SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE EXCHANGE BANK OF VIRGINIA.

8 ONE HUNDRED (100) SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE ALLEGANY MINING COMPANY OF MARYLAND.

9 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT (128) SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.

Terms of Sale—One fourth of the purchase money in cash. The remainder in three equal installments payable at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interests from the day of sale. The deferred payments to be secured by deeds of trust.

ANDREW JAMIESON,  
Executor of Robert Jamieson,  
Deceased,  
jy 21—lawtaug19adtd

**CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.**—The Book and Stationery business heretofore conducted by James Entwisle, at No. 110, King street, will be continued by the undersigned, from and after this date, under the name and style of J. & W. J. ENTWISLE.

JAMES ENTWISLE,  
WILMER J. ENTWISLE.  
Alexandria, Va., August 1st, 1865.

JAS. ENTWISLE. WILMER J. ENTWISLE.  
J. & W. J. ENTWISLE,

**CITY BOOK STORE,**  
No. 110, King Street,

Dealers in BOOKS, PAPER, ENVELOPES, SHEET MUSIC, MUSIC BOOKS, &c., &c. A general assortment of STATIONERY, SCHOOL BOOKS, BLANK BOOKS, and JUVENILE BOOKS, BIBLES, Prayer and Hymn Books, Photograph Albums, together with all articles usually found in a first class Book and Stationery Store. Prices low, and for cash only. aug 1—1w

**DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP**  
—The partnership formerly existing between the subscribers, under the firm of R. H. MILLER, SON & CO., was dissolved on the 1st of July, 1864.

The Senior partner will attend to the settlement of any claims against the firm.

Either partner is authorized to collect the debts due the firm, and receipt for the same.

R. H. MILLER,  
E. J. MILLER,  
F. WESTWOOD ASHEY.  
Alexandria, Va., May 24, 1865.  
my 25—eo3m

**EARTHENWARE, CHINA, GLASS-WARE, &c.**

The subscriber will continue the same business heretofore carried on at No. 65, King st., where he offers a good assortment of goods in his line, and solicits a continuance of the custom of the public, and the friends of the old firm. [my 25—eo3m] E. J. MILLER.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

The partnership heretofore existing between W. and A. MURRAY, under the firm name of W. & A. MURRAY, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. A. MURRAY is authorized to close up the concern.

W. MURRAY,  
A. MURRAY,  
jy 22—tf No. 19, Fairfax st., Alex.

**SELLING OUT AT AND BELOW COST.**  
The advertisers having had their store damaged by the storm of Saturday, intend to sell their stock of CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &c., &c., at private sale during the day, and at public auction at night, at their new place of business, No. 266, King street, Mr. Wolfe's former Baker's Stand.—The Goods will be sold at the lowest rates—Great bargains to those who call in the day time. [aul-1w] CHAS. BAUM & CO.,

**TOMB STONES, MONUMENTS, &c.**

W. OWENS,  
Corner of Alfred and Duke streets.  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.,

Offers to the public his stock of MARBLE at very reduced prices.  
Call and examine for yourselves.

Lettering done, in first rate style, at \$3 per hundred. je 22—2m

**TIMOTHY SEED.**

25 Bushels prime Timothy Seed, for sale by  
jy 21—tf B. WHEAT.